

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims**

1-2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A method comprising:

providing an assembly of a blank sheet and a hinge strip, the hinge strip including a mounting strip and first and second connecting strips, the first and second connecting strips formed of a dissimilar material from the mounting strip, the mounting strip spaced apart by a gap from the edge of the blank sheet, and connected by connecting strips thereto the first connecting strip attached to the mounting strip and the blank sheet along a first side of the blank sheet and spanning the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet, and the second connecting strip attached to the mounting strip and the blank sheet along a second side of the blank sheet and spanning the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet;

sending the assembly through a printer to print a photographic image on the blank sheet; and

mounting the assembly in an album using the mounting strip.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet is cotton rag paper material.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet is an uncoated, unbleached paper.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet is a 100% cotton fiber, acid-free paper.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the assembly through the printer to print an image on the sheet includes printing an image such that the image becomes integral with the paper.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the assembly through the printer to print an image on the sheet includes sending the assembly through a desktop digital printer.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the mounting strip includes mounting holes and mounting the assembly in an album includes using the mounting holes.

10. (currently amended) A method of providing a ready-to-bind photo sheet, the method comprising:

providing an assembly of a blank photo-printable sheet and a hinge strip spaced apart by a gap from the edge of the blank photo-printable sheet and connected by connecting strips thereto, the connecting strips formed of a flexible polymeric film, the hinge strip including a mounting portion including a plurality of mounting holes for mounting the hinge strip to an album, wherein the assembly is dimensioned to go through a desktop printer; and

sending the assembly through a desktop printer to print a photographic image upon the sheet.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising binding the assembly in an album using the mounting portion of the hinge strip.

12. (cancelled)

13. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the blank photo-printable sheet includes a 100% cotton fiber, acid-free paper.

14. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the hinge strip includes an acid-free hinge strip.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the gap has a width in the range of about 0.375 inches.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the gap has a width in the range of about 0.375 inches.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the blank sheet comprises a photo-grade material.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the blank photo-printable sheet comprises a photo-grade material.

19. (new) A method of providing a ready-to-bind photo sheet, the method comprising:

providing a blank photo-grade sheet;

positioning a mounting strip along an edge of the blank sheet and spaced apart by a gap from the edge of the blank sheet, the mounting strip including a plurality of mounting holes for mounting the assembly in a photo album, and

adhesively attaching a first connecting strip formed of a flexible polymeric film along a first side of the blank sheet; and

adhesively attaching the first connecting strip to the mounting strip, such that the first connecting strip spans the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet.

20. (new) The method of claim 19, further comprising the steps of:
- adhesively attaching a second connecting strip formed of a flexible polymeric film along a second side of the blank sheet; and
- adhesively attaching the second connecting strip to the mounting strip, such that the second connecting strip spans the gap between the mounting strip and the blank sheet.